

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification (material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in underline, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) optionally in double brackets [[]]).

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Systems and methods related to threaded ~~Threaded~~ connections whereby off-center axial alignment of connected components is maintained, ~~and methods of forming same, are provided.~~ In one embodiment, threads on one connection component are timed to match the timing of the threads on the other connection component. The one component has a connection sleeve screwed thereon. Once the one component and the other component are mated in the desired axial alignment ~~[[and]]~~ such that the threads on each join to form a continuous, unbroken thread, the connection sleeve is screwed onto the other component to form the threaded connection.